

Farm Home Class

A plan whereby ten or more farmers or farm women can form home classes in agriculture or domestic science and receive the textbooks, lectures, lantern slides, laboratory and cooking equipment necessary to conduct them has been devised by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with Agriculture Colleges of certain states.

The object of the plan is to make accessible at home, to men and women who have not the time or means to attend the regular courses at the colleges, practical short courses in agriculture and home management especially adapted to their districts. These courses, which will consist of 15 to 20 lectures, and will consume five or more weeks, can be arranged to suit the spare time and convenience of each group of people.

The course to be offered at first are poultry raising, fruit growing, soils, cheese manufacturing, dairying, butter making, and farm bookkeeping, and for the women especially, courses in the preparation, cooking and use of vegetable and cereal foods. The Department will supply lectures and lantern slides covering these subjects, and the States which have agreed to cooperate in the plan will lend to each group laboratory and cooking apparatus valued at \$100 and a reference library. The textbooks and lectures will be made so complete that each group can safely appoint one of its members as study leader to direct the work of the course.

When a group has decided to take up the work, the State which cooperates sends an agent with the Department's representative to organize a sample class and assist the leader whom they select in laying out the work and in showing him the best methods of procedure. The classes commonly are held from 8:00 to 12:00 in the morning and from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, two or three days each week. The sessions are not held every day, so that the members will have time to attend to their farm duties, in between the sessions, as well as before and after the instruction period. The classes meet commonly at the most convenient farmhouse. During the morning hours, textbook work is done. In the afternoon laboratory work is conducted, and the women who have elected to take the domestic science courses have practical lessons in cooking.

As soon as a class is established, the State organizer withdraws to start a class in some other district. The work thereafter is left in charge of the leader, who receives assistance by mail from the college or the Department in carrying on the work.

As there is no regularly paid instructor, classes can be carried on all over the State as rapidly as the college organizer can visit the groups, and as quickly as the laboratory sets supplied by the college become available. The local leader will preside during the reading of the lectures and references, for which full texts and lantern slides are supplied by the Department. He will also be responsible for the laboratory equipment. Every one who completes the course will receive a certificate from the State College.

Not all of the States have yet agreed to cooperate in this plan. Last winter experiments along these lines were carried out successfully in Pennsylvania, and this has stimulated an interest in the method in other States. In one of the Pennsylvania classes more men applied than could be accommodated, and all of the 20 men and 15 women who began the course completed it. Pennsylvania is now arranging for more classes, while Massachusetts, Michigan, Vermont and Florida expect to take up the work. Other States such as Maine, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware have signified their willingness to cooperate.

Ordinarily a college in a State usually applies to the Department seeking its cooperation, when sufficient interest has been shown in the plan in several communities where text or more people have sought the instruction. For financial reasons, certain colleges are not so able to engage in the work as others.

The advantage claimed for the new home courses with local leaders and laboratory equipment over the ordinary correspondence courses is that on a small percentage of those who take the individual correspondence finish it. Studying in a group, with laboratory work and a leader, seems to stimulate the interest and add a social feature which lead the members of the group to follow the work conscientiously and complete it. Experiments with free correspondence courses show that while many individuals gain advantage from them, many others, because the material is furnished free, do not feel the same obligation to complete them as they do when they pay a substantial sum of money for the instruction.

COPLEY

Lightning struck A. W. Kremer's barn Friday and before anyone could reach the building it was a mass of flames. Fortunately the horses were not in the structure but two buggies, blankets and new set of harness were burned. There was some insurance.

Mrs. Lizzie Vickers and brother, Wm. Miller attended the funeral of their cousin Wm. Miller of Akron last Tuesday.

Several relatives from here will attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Alice Keller and husband at Rootstown Tuesday.

Miss Hazel Griffin and Mrs. Dick Davis have gone to New Baltimore to visit Miss Marie Griffin.

Albert Foster of Dayton and Frank Foster of Springfield have been visiting their sister Mrs. Daniel Taylor. Mr. Taylor is in poor health.

Amos Griffiths is visiting his brother Alma Griffiths.

A. A. Crozier has bought the Morris place where he has lived the past year.

Rev. Mr. Eyster has gone to Columbus to take a two week's course of study.

T. Shook of Michigan visited his sister, Mrs. Perry Arnold last week.

F. Hammond and wife and Bert Hammond and wife attended the Taylor reunion at Shreve last Saturday and remained over Sunday.

F. Converse and family motored to Medina Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenyon.

Many friends were sorry to hear of the death of G. Pratt at Kansas City. A few months ago he was married to Miss Link of Coddington and both were well known here.

Mrs. J. L. Long of Quaker City and Miss Theora Wilson who have been guests at the home of Dr. H. G. Long left Thursday for Dayton to visit Judge L. G. Long.

Everyone is invited to attend the Home Coming picnic at White Pond, August 20.

LUKE McLUKE SAYS

Every woman who has a shape like a whale back freighter knows that if she could afford to pay \$15 for a made-to-order corset she would have as good a figure as anyone.

The local department stores are advertising the "Modesty" opaque petticoats for summer wear. The mutt who invented them will never get my vote. But, anyway, the "Modesty" opaque waist hasn't put in an appearance. And that will help some.

You may have noticed that a Reform leader can't get his Reforming apparatus into running order until his followers oil the works with a big bank roll.

The fellows who haven't earned a dime or done a lick of work in the last ten years are now very busy standing around the saloons debating the probable effect of a European war on business and prices in this country.

Many a man's going through life pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with imaginary troubles and wondering why he can't get ahead of other men. If the spectacle of a girl losing something is a shocking sight, most men enjoy being shocked.

A man gets mad all over if he can't get a seat in the front row in a theater. And he gets mad all over if the usher leads him to the front pew when he goes to church.

After you get to know some good-looking woman they are not nearly as goodlooking as you thought they were.

It is alright to be punctual when you have an engagement if you don't mind waiting a while for the other fellow to show up.

Any woman can go shopping when she hasn't a nickel. But she wouldn't think of starting out unless she carried a young suit case containing a powder rag.

They claim that whiskey makes a man talk. But if you want to hear some real gabbing go to a sundae dispensary where a few Young Things are inhaling Heliotrope Flips, Lovers Kisses and Passionate Sodas.

People are like jokes. Nine out of every ten are poor.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who used to be home by bedtime?

Why is it that when a woman gets old and haggard-looking she imagines that a bright red or green dingbat on her hat makes her look younger.

Some of the men who wear thin silk shirts should be compelled to wear corset covers under them.

After they have been married for a few weeks and she realizes suddenly that he is nothing but a common ordinary man like her father and her brothers, the poor honeymooner goes out and takes a bichloride tablet by mistake.

A big fool man will try to keep step with a hobble skirt when he is walking with one. And yet he would get mad if you told him he looked like a sissy when he was doing it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Miss Agnes Rood and Hazel Johnson are visiting at the home of Edgar Harpley in Akron.

J. B. Hanan and wife of Kent spent Wednesday in town, attending camp meeting.

Miss Mable Hartman of Wadsworth was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Milton Raw, from Thursday until Saturday.

E. G. McConnell of Dayton, Ky., is spending a few days at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Johnson.

The Y. M. C. A. boys will spend Thursday in Akron at the rubber works and in the evening will be guests at a banquet given by the Goodrich Company.

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Having decided to become a candidate for the office of Common Pleas Judge in and for Medina County, I herewith submit my candidacy to the voters thereof, with the expectation of meeting as many of them personally before next November 3rd as I may be able.

I was born and reared on a farm in this county under the principles of the Republican Party and still adhere thereto, was admitted to the bar in June, 1905, and practised the profession since, have not heretofore held any political office, and have not asked for or received the united support of the bar for my office, for in my judgment the office of Common Pleas Judge should be filled by the voters and not by the bar of the county.

Within the last three years I have been investigated very closely by an unfriendly committee and in a court of justice found absolutely clean and honest, the facts of which will more fully appear in the Circuit Court records in the County Clerk's office at Medina.

I am in favor of all laws that will hasten and reduce the expense of litigation when it will give absolute justice and a square deal to all parties interested therein.

As all candidates for judicial offices are put on the judicial ticket, I therefore solicit the support of all voters with whatever party they may be affiliated in this county, and if elected, will to the best of my ability, give all litigants and parties concerned in the office of the Court of Common Pleas, a clean and honest square deal, as I am not owned by any man or set of men and free to act in the best interests of all litigants and the public welfare without fear, favor or prejudice.

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